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Honorable Robert C. Hill  
American Ambassador  
American Embassy  
Buenos Aires

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

On February 1 we met with representatives of the Argentine Commission on Human Rights (CADHU). They were Mario Diehl, an Argentine lawyer from Mexico, and Horacio Lofredo, from CADHU's Washington office.

George Lister arranged the meeting which included Brady Tyson (Andrew Young's new "political counselor" who will be on our human rights delegation in Geneva -- which will be headed by Allard Lowenstein), Joe Eldridge of WOLA, Ken Hill of D/HA, George and myself.

The CADHU presentation contained nothing new. They urged that we cut military aid and that we play an active role in Geneva.

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I had [redacted] in mind as I tried to size up CADHU. They never once criticized leftist violence, taking it as some sort of natural reaction to military oppression.

Diehl said he was close to Hector Campora, who he noted has been maligned unfairly. Diehl wanted us to encourage the GOA to allow Campora to depart for Mexico.

Diehl described himself as a lawyer who had to leave Argentina 18 months ago due to AAA threats. He said he had never defended political prisoners but had stood up for freedom of the press, mentioning Revista Militancia. He noted that he had angered the Navy,

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although I did not understand why. He also stated that he went to jail in 1954 for anti-Peron activities.

Frankly, the most interesting part of the session came later when I got to talk privately to Brady Tyson. He is a Methodist minister who has marched with Martin Luther King and Andrew Young. He said he had not been in State for 8 years. Tyson said that the Administration is talking big about human rights but does not yet know what to do. He wants to see the problem multilateralized. Tyson also revealed (at least to me) that Pat Darien, a white woman from Mississippi, will be running D/HA. He obviously thinks well of her.

Tyson seems dedicated and enthusiastic but level-headed. As usual, I asked him to approach Argentina carefully.

But time is running out...

My very best.

Sincerely,



Fernando E. Rondon

cc: ARA/ECA - Mr. Zimmermann

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